IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Ravi Iyer	§	Group Art Unit: 1104
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Prior Application Serial No.: 08/599,675	§	
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Prior Application Filed: February 12, 1996	§	Examiner: Whipple, M.
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Serial No.: Unassigned	§	
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Filed: Herewith	§	Atty Docket: MICS:0015--2/FLE
	§	93-118.02
For: PLANARIZATION USING PLASMA	§	
OXIDIZED AMORPHOUS SILICON	§	

Assistant Commisioner
  For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a Request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. **08/599,675**, filed on **02/12/96**, entitled **PLANARIZATION USING PLASMA OXIDIZED AMORPHOUS SILICON** in the name of **Ravi Iyer.**

The following are enclosed:

1.   __X__   Papers which the undersigned declares to be a true copy of the prior application as originally filed, including a **15** page disclosure, **2** pages of claims, a **1** page abstract of the disclosure, **2** sheets of formal drawings, and a Declaration signed by the inventor.

2.   __X__   The Commissioner is authorized to charge the filing fee as calculated below, less any claims canceled by amendment below, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 13-3092, Order No. MICS:0015--2/FLE (93-118.02).

3.a.   __X__   A copy of the Election and Power of Attorney in the prior application.

             or

3.b.   _____   A new Power of Attorney.

4.   __X__   An Assignment of record for the prior application.

5.   __X__   Three (3) sets of formal drawings, each set consisting of **2** sheets.

6.a.   _____   A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.

             or

6.b. _____ A ~~certified~~ statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.

7. __X__ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449.

9. __X__ Preliminary Amendment.

__X__ Please address all correspondence in connection with this application to **Michael G. Fletcher, Fletcher, Yoder & Edwards, P.O. Box 692289, Houston, Texas 77269-2289; telephone (281) 970-4545.**

__X__ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 08/599,675 filed 02/12/96.--

__X__ Cancel in this application original claims **2-11** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims canceled or added by amendment.

CLAIMS	FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS 13	- 20 =	0	X $ 22.00	$
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3	- 3 =	0	X $ 82.00	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable)			+ 270.00	
				BASIC FEE	790.00
			Total of above Calculations =		790.00
	Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27. 1.28.				$
				TOTAL =	$ 790.00

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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